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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: OLANCHO FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT

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1. IMPERIAL HELICOPTER CONTACTED COMMERCE/MEPD RE TRIP FIRM IS CONSIDERING TO HONDURAS TO PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MIGHT COME OUT OF SUBJECT PROJECT. FIRM HAS QUESTIONS IN TWO AREAS. ON ELECTRIC POWER LINES (PAGE 3

REFAIR), FIRM ASKED IF EMBASSY KNOWS WHICH FIRM(S) HAVE WON CONTRACTS. FIRM WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS AREA. ON FORESTRY EQUIPMENT (PAGE 4 REFAIR), FIRM ASKED EMBASSY JUDGEMENT ON WHETHER COHDEFOR

OR CORFINO WOULD BE OPEN TO POSSIBILITY OF LOGGING OPERATIONS USING HELICOPTERS, PRACTICE WHICH FIRM CLAIMS IS WIDELY USED IN U.S. AND HAS PROVED VERY COST EFFECTIVE. UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRM WOULD LIKE TO VISIT HONDURAS IN NEXT MONTH OR TWO TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON BENEFITS OF SUCH A SYSTEM IF RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES NOT TOTALLY LOCKED IN TO OTHER APPROACHES.

2. FYI. IMPERIAL HELICOPTER IS IN BUSINESS OF PROVIDING HELICOPTERS, PILOTS AND AUXILARY SUPPORT ON CONTRACT BASIS.

TYPICAL PROJECT AREAS FOR ITS SERVICES ARE LOGGING, ERECTION OF TRANSMISSION TOWERS AND CARGO UNLOADING IN CONGESTED PORTS. VANCE

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